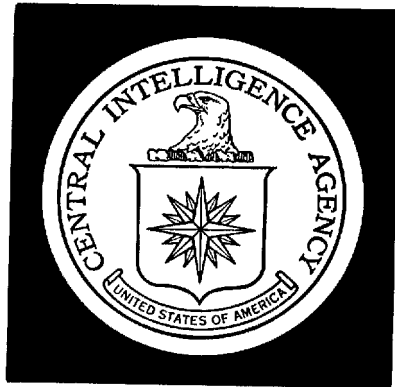


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CANADA-NATO: CANADIAN DEFENSE MINISTER CADIEUX IS EXPECTED TO INFORM ALLIES AT THE NATO MEETING THIS WEEK OF CANADA'S PLANS FOR A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF ITS FORCES IN EUROPE.

A SENIOR CANADIAN OFFICIAL, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAYS THAT CADIEUX WILL MAKE HIS PRESENTATION TO SECRETARY LAIRD TODAY AND TO THE OTHER ALLIES WITH INTEGRATED FORCES IN GERMANY ON WEDNESDAY. HE WILL PROPOSE A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN CANADA'S 10,000-MAN AIR AND GROUND FORCES IN EUROPE AND A CHANGE IN CANADA'S NATO ROLE OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS. THE OFFICIAL SAYS THAT RECENT PRESS SPECULATION OF A CUTBACK OF 6,000 MEN "IS NOT FAR FROM THE MARK."

CADIEUX WILL LEAVE BEHIND IN BRUSSELS A SPECIAL TEAM OF CANADIAN MILITARY OFFICERS TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM SACEUR OR THE ALLIES UNTIL HE MAKES A DETAILED STATEMENT OF OTTAWA'S PLAN IN COMMONS SOMETIME BEFORE IT ADJOURNS ON 27 JUNE.

[REDACTED] THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THE CANADIAN PLAN, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE TIMING OF INDIVIDUAL MOVES. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ALLIES SHOULD ARGUE THAT THE PLAN INVOLVES TOO ABRUPT A REDUCTION IN ITS INITIAL PHASE, OTTAWA WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL ADJUSTMENT.

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